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1. INTENSIVE PROVATE DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED THIS WEEK BETWEEN LABOR AND NATIONALIST PARTY DELEGATIONS ON THE QUESTION OF AMENDING MALTA'S CONSTITUTION. INDICATIONS ARE THAT CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IS BEING MADE TOWARD BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT ON MOST ASPECTS OF PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF'S CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS.

2. IN A BRIEF, TEN-MINUTE SESSION OF PARLIAMENT THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 26, MINTOFF ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WAS NOW HOPE FOR A "UNANIMOUS DECISION" ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, BUT THAT MORE DISCUSSIONS WERE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THIS. HE THEREFORE PROPOSED THE ADJOURNMENT OF PARLIAMENT UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 2. IN THE MEANTIME, HE SAID, NEGOTIATIONS WOULD CONTINUE OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. OPPOSITION LEADER BORG OLIVIER ACCEPTED MINTOFF'S PROPOSAL.

3. COMMENT: THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT MINTOFF IS CLOSE TO
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SUCCESS IN HIS QUEST FOR A "NEW" CONSTITUTION FOR MALTA. HOW-

EVER, ANOTHER REASON FOR HIS ADJOURNMENT REQUEST WAS HIS PLANNED
TRIP ABROAD. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS MINTOFF WILL LEAVE FOR RABAT
ON NOVEMBER 27 AND WILL RETURN TO MALTA ON NOVEMBER 30. WIGGINS

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